

REMARKS

1. Claims Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the method is directed to restarting a controller (see the original Brief Summary of the Invention), to clarify that the configuration data is stored in the removable memory module (Original Specification page 8, lines 6-9, and Claim 1, step a)), and that control program utilized in the method comprises instructions for controlling elements of a fabrication unit of the installation for the production and packaging of cigarettes or cigars (Original Specification page 9, lines 4-19 and throughout the Specification). No new matter has been added.

Claim 2 has not been amended in this response.

Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 2 rather than Claim 1 to further clarify the invention. No new matter has been added.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from Claim 5 rather than Claim 1 to further clarify the invention. No new matter has been added.

Claim 7 has not been amended in this response.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend from Claim 7 rather than Claim 1 to further clarify the invention. No new matter has been added.

Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice.

The dependency of Claims 1, 2, and 5-8 (all of the remaining claims) has been amended to create a cascade of claims, where each following claim depends from the immediately preceding claim. In such a manner, each succeeding claim adds an element to the overall claimed invention.

2. Drawings

Applicant has reviewed the Drawings and is submitting Replacement Sheets with the black boxes labeled with the appropriate function as requested by the examiner. No new matter has been added as the information for the labels is contained in the Specification as originally filed.

3. 35 USC 112 Rejections

Applicant submits that the amendments to Claim 1 and the cancellation of Claim 9 address the examiner's concerns under 35 USC 112.

4. 35 USC 103 Rejections

Applicant submits that the amendments to Claim 1 and also the amendments to the dependencies of Claims 5, 6, and 8 address the examiner's concerns under 35 USC 103. Additionally, Applicant incorporates by this reference the remarks regarding the 35 USC 103 rejections made in Applicant's previous response of 8 August 2007.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the patent application is in proper condition for allowance, and respectfully requests such action.

If the Commissioner or the Examiner has any questions that can be resolved over the telephone, please contact the below signed patent attorney of record.

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